TO THE KINGS MOST EXCELLENT MAIESTY:

The humble Petition of the Major, Aldermen, and Common-Councell of the City of LONDON.

MAY it please your most Excellent *Majestie*, the often expressions of your *Majesties* gracious acceptance, of the manifestation of the Petitioners duty and loyalty, and the frequent declarations, of your *Majesties* great care, of the good and welfare of this City, and of the true PROTESTANT Religion, and of protecting and preserving the persons and priviledges of your great Councell, Assembled in the high Court of *Parliament*; Hath incouraged the Petitioners to represent, the great dangers, feares, and destractions, wherein the City now is, by reason of the prevailing progresse, of the bloody Rebells in IRELAND, fomented and acted by the Papists and their adhærents, and want of Ayde to suppresse them, and the severall intimations they have had both Forraigne and at home, of the driving on of their designes, tending to the utter ruine of the PROTESTANT Religion, and of the lives and liberties of your *Majesties* loyall Subjects, The puting out of persons of honour and trust, from being Constable and Lieutenant of the Tower, especially in these times, and the preparation there lately made: The fortifying of *White-Hall* with men and Amunition in an unusualt manner, some of which men with provoking language, and violence abused divers Citizens passing by, and the drawing divers swords, and therewith wounding sundry other Cityzens in *Westminster Hall* that were unarmed. The late endeavours used to the *Innes of Court*; the calling in divers Cannoneers and other Assistants into the Tower: The late discovery of divers Fire-works in the hands of a Papist, and the misunderstanding betwixt your *Majestie* and *Parliament*, by reason of misinformations, as they humbly conceive.

Besides all which, the Petitioners feares, are exceedingly increased, by your *Majesties* late going into the House of COMMONS attended with a greate multitude of Armed men, besides your ordinary Guard, for the Apprehending of divers Members of that House, to the indangering of your sacred Person, and of the Persons and priviledges of that honourable Assembly.

The effects of all which feares, tend not only to the overthrow of the whole Trade of this City and Kingdome, which the Petitioners already feele in a deepe measure, but also threatens the utter ruine of the true PROTESTANT Religion, and the lives and liberties of all your Loyall Subjects.

The Petitioners therefore most humbly pray your *Majestie*, that by the advice of your great Counsell in *Parliament*, the Protestants in IRELAND may bespeedily relieved: The Tower put into the hands of persons of trust, that by removall of doubtfull and unknowne persons from about *White-Hall* and *Westminster*, a knowne and approved Guard may be appointed for the safety of your *Majestie* and *Parliament*; And that the Lord MANDIVILE, and the five Members of the House of COMMONS lately accused may not be restrained of liberty, or proceeded against, otherwise then according to the priviledges of *Parliament*.

And the Petitiones as in all duty bound shall pray for your *Majesties* most long and happy Raigne.

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